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Dear Professor Lederberg:

Dr. John Knowles has referred your inquiry concerning records relating to Dr. Edward L. Tatum to the Archive Center, which holds the retired records of the General Education Board and the Rockefeller Foundation.

The Board did not retain correspondence files relating to fellowships. They were discarded after a certain number of years. Fortunately, however, they did keep certain basic information. I can therefore send you copies of two documents which Dr. Tatum sent to the Board which outline his plans and a record of later communications with and about him. I do not locate a report which he made on his work in Europe, but I enclose a page which summarizes his activities there.

The work in which Dr. Tatum was engaged during his first years at Stanford was supported by the Rockefeller Foundation. He is therefore mentioned occasionally in files relating to drosophila research and Dr. George W. Beadle. I enclose copies of letters or memos in which Dr. Tatum is mentioned.

I hope these documents will be useful as you prepare the memoir. You have our permission to make the usual scholarly references and brief quotations from these materials. We of course cannot claim copyright in documents not written by Board or Foundation staff. A statement of the cost of reproduction is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

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